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In re Application of: Spencer A. Rathus, et al.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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In response to the December 12, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified case, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

{CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED SPECIFICATION}

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/365,961, filed August 2, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/628,246, filed April 4, 1996, now Pat. No. 5,932,863, which is a division of application serial number 08/250,799, filed May 25, 1994, now abandoned.

{EDITED VERSION OF THE AMENDED SPECIFICATION}

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application serial